contracts without inviting tenders; and

(c) the result of the inquiry if any, conducted into such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Shortage of Medicines in Super Bazar

116. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of medicines etc. in Super Bazar branch located in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia hospital and even general medicines are not available there; and

(b) if so, whether any complaint has been received in this regard and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Super Bazar has informed that there is no acute shortage of medicines in Super Bazar located in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. Sper Bazar has further reported that as per claim of the Industry in-put costs have gone up due to devaluation and inflationary pressures and price revisions were under consideration which affected general availability of some of the medicines. The situation is reported to have eased to some extent and most of the medicines are available , though in short supply.

(b) Super Bazar has not received any complaint from their branch at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital on account of acute shortage of medicines.

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Assistance to Fruit and Vegetable Industries of Surat and Vadodra

117. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are providing any assistance to fruit and vegetable industries of surat and Vadodra in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance provided during each of the last three years; and

(c) the number of fruit and vegetable industries schemes of Surat and Vadodra which are pending with the Government for approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) No specific proposal pertaining to Surat and Vadodra in Gujarat State have been received by the Government. However, some proposal were received from the Agro Industries Corporation of Gujarat seeking financial assistance under the fruit and vegetable processing sector. The endorsement of the Gujarat State Government for these proposals has not been received.

Scheme of Gujarat Pending for Clearance

118. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent some development schemes to the Planning Commission for clearance;

(b) if also, the name and location of these schemes; and